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At the eleventh hour, no doubt, the charter committee of the council will spring upon the city a revised charter, concocted in star chamber and digested between drinks in their favorite resorts.

HENRY VILLARD proposes to organize an "electrical trust" in order to control and operate the great electrical industries of the country.

THE deep-water harbor worked up during the summer months, is more than likely to be stabled to death in the house of its friends.

THE people of West Farmington complain without cause of the unsatisfactory service of the street car company.

THE present loose banking laws on the statutes of Nebraska were undoubtedly passed in the early days of the state in order to make the investment of capital in banking institutions unusually inviting.

THE senatorial boom of Wolcott in Colorado is said to be sally out of gear despite the boast that he is sure of a nomination.

THE Mormons who emigrated to British Columbia and established a colony have evidently not improved their condition.

IT has been suggested by a prominent shipper of Chicago that the inter-state commission be granted authority to fix maximum rates for railroad transportation.

EVERY line in the want columns of THE BEE is paid for, but they still contain more advertising than the want columns of all the other Omaha dailies combined.

THE sticklers for so-called local self-government for Omaha would do well to inform themselves what legislation such a city as Chicago is about to ask of the legislature of Illinois.

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FACTIONS WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED.

The reported remark of General Harrison to some New York visitors who had a political errand, "I propose to recognize no factions in the republican party," is so characteristic as to be entirely credible.

The assurance of the president-elect, assuming that he has been correctly reported, that he will recognize no factions, is timely, and ought to have a wholesome effect.

General Harrison's own political career is an assurance that he will show no regard for the authors or instigators of factional disputes.

RAILROAD TICKET COMMISSIONS.

That portion of the annual report of the interstate commerce commission which relates to the payment by the railroads of commissions on passenger and freight traffic, discloses some interesting facts.

The commission regard this outlay as of doubtful value to the roads which make it, but apart from this there are evils connected with the practice which need to be remedied.

The inter-state commission makes no recommendation to congress regarding this system, but in noting the evils and irregularities resulting from it the commission plainly indicates a conviction that it is a proper subject of congressional attention.

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Waiting for Incorporation.

Until it is pretty certain that E. L. Harper, the swindling baron, is really and truly crazy, the public will keep its sympathy tucked away in its right hand lower vest pocket.

Backbone Needed.

A firm and concise statement of the attitude of our government toward any interference by France with the isthmus of Panama should be made and understood without delay.

A Warning to Piece Hunters.

Taken together the two remarks of Gen. Harrison ought to serve as a warning to the piece hunters to let him alone.

To Come Down to Facts.

Foreign capital and ideas. They bring new methods and ideals. They vary our pleasures. In many cases they are good even from a business standpoint.

What the Railroads Need.

The railroads need is not less, but a little more of it, they are likely to get it; and, above all else, they want a few more such men as President Stickney to lift prevailing management up to where it will bear the inspection of honest men.

LABOR NOTES.

An electric railway is to be built from Dover, N. H., to Berwick, Me. The Iron Molders' Union of North America has adopted a resolution wherein it is decided that on and after the 1st day of April next nine hours shall constitute a day's work.

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Journal refers to Omaha as "the pride of our state." Governor Thayer died on a one-pound brook trout Christmas, captured at Hazle Mills. The stream was stocked with brook trout by J. H. N. M. Kline, a Cheyenne county well digger, kicked the bucket last week.

Iowa.

The new paper mill at Waterloo will soon be in operation. The latest enterprise at Muscatine is a sheller company.

Nebraska.

Now, it is claimed that Governor Moonlight, of Wyoming, is guilty of a petty piece of spite work in supplementing his report to congress, that the population of Wyoming is only fifty-five thousand instead of eighty-five thousand as first estimated.

Skaggs is Right.

As Mayor Skaggs of Talladega, Ala., said, as he is reported to have said, "We cannot go on forever stealing the negro's ballot," he is a level headed man; and we wish there were just like him in the state of Alabama.

No Difference to Them.

The Sunday law as applied to liquor sellers is to be enforced in Washington hereafter, but it will not make much difference to them. They have had their harvest. Senator Riederberg's term is about over.

The Railroad Manager Must Go.

The woods are full of them and the stockholders are going a-gunning. They are all in more or less trouble. They have undermined the business of the whole country, upset the public confidence, and created everywhere distrust and apprehension.

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THE LADIES' CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

The arrangements are complete for the Christmas concert to be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Musical Society next Monday evening, at the First Congregational church.

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